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Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The drawings were objected to. The drawings have been revised to overcome the objections. The changes have been marked in red ink. The specification has been changed also to overcome the objections. The application does not include any new matter. The amended claims contain no new matter.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under Section 103 as being obvious over Ramfelt (WO 97/24844) and Bostrom (WO 00/60815). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Ramfelt WO 97/24844 and its equivalent US patent 5,838,687 have been assigned to MetroPacket Systems Inc. (Reel/Frame 015215/0177) and the current application has also been assigned to MetroPacket Systems Inc. Attached is a Declaration To Disqualify Commonly Owned Patent As Prior Art Under 37 CFR 1.130. Attached is also a terminal disclaimer for this application. In view of the above, it is submitted that Ramfelt WO 97/24844 is no longer prior art due to the common ownership and the submission of the required terminal disclaimer. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 1-9 are allowed in view of the cited references.

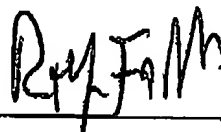
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The application is now submitted to be in condition
for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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FIG. 2

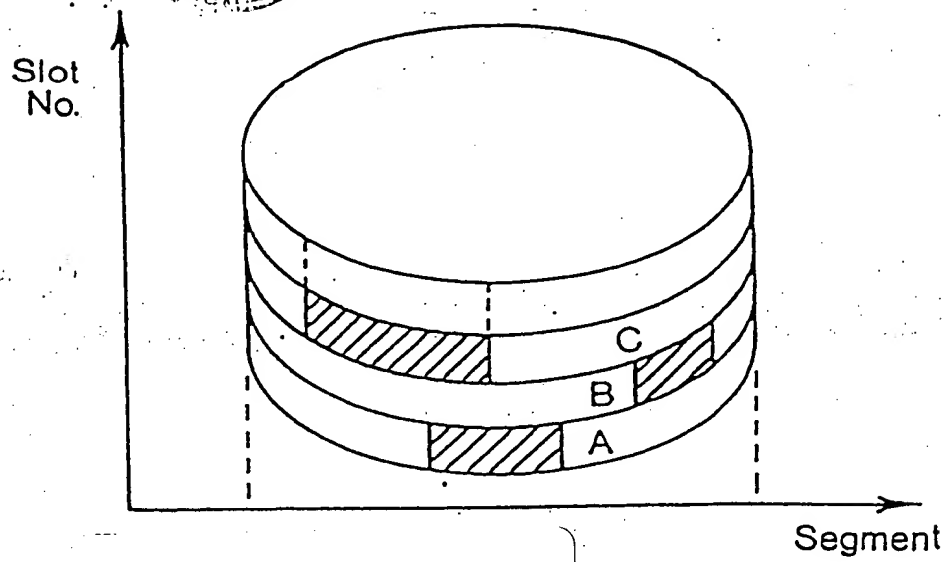


FIG. 3

